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## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 17. Claims 2-12, 14-16 and 18-24 are pending and under consideration.

The sole issue raised in the Office Action is an obviousness rejection of claims 1 and 17. These claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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